

The Cleveland Museum of Art

The Cleveland Museum of Art Opens Community Arts Center and Announces Parade the City

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New arts center celebrates community and offers arts experiences for all; CMA reimagines Parade the Circle 2021 program

Cleveland (April 30, 2021) – The Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) today announced that its Community Arts Center, in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood of Cleveland's near west side, will open to the public **Saturday, June 12**. On the same day, the CMA will launch **Parade the City**, an iteration of Parade the Circle designed to respond to the difficulty this year of bringing together large numbers of people.

The Community Arts Center will house the museum's community arts staff and education outreach program. The [community arts program](#) ^[1] creates arts experiences for audiences of all ages throughout Greater Cleveland by offering artmaking activities and events that encourage community and artist collaboration and highlight connections with the museum's collections. Programs include Parade the Circle, Chalk Festival, Winter Lights Lantern Festival and Studio Go. In addition, and for the first time, the Community Arts Center gives the museum a dedicated space to properly store large puppets, costumes, art-making supplies and more.

The Community Arts Center will offer opportunities for residents in Cleveland's Clark-Fulton neighborhood and beyond to connect with the arts. It features art displays and free hands-on art activities and experiences. The inaugural exhibition, **Parade the Circle: Celebrating 30 Years of Art and Community**, opening in tandem with the center, features a varied collection of puppets, costumes and masks created by artists and the community that reflect diverse cultures and global art traditions.

"The establishment of a Community Arts Center is a key goal of our 2017 [strategic plan](#) ^[2], and with this new space, we expand our footprint into a vibrant, urban neighborhood on the city's west side," said William M. Griswold, director of the CMA. "We hope to connect with new audiences through a range of arts programs and look forward to collaborating with neighborhood partners to enrich the transformative experiences that we offer to all audiences."

The Community Arts Center is a 20,000-square-foot space located within the former Astrup Awning factory complex. It increases access to the arts by engaging with diverse new audiences that may not yet be involved with on-site museum programming. The CMA worked in partnership with [Clark Fulton Together](#) [3], a resident-driven master plan headed by MetroHealth Hospital, the City of Cleveland, Metro West Community Development Organization and local businesses to develop program content that meets community needs.

Upon the opening, visitors to the center may view ***Parade the Circle: Celebrating 30 Years of Art and Community*** and enjoy independent art making. In the summer and fall, as COVID-19 safety restrictions are lifted, the Community Arts Center will offer even more programming:

- Daily studio and gallery experiences for schools and community groups, with tours and activities led by local artists
- Daily public hours with studio and gallery experiences
- Classes and workshops led by local teaching artists for children, adults and families
- Drop-in activities for all ages
- Guest artist workspaces
- Conservation projects
- After-school arts experiences and summer camps
- Activities and workspaces for community members participating in Parade the Circle, Chalk Festival and the Lantern Festival

The Community Arts Center will be open Wednesday to Friday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Information about free admission protocols, COVID-19 safety procedures and a virtual ribbon cutting ceremony is forthcoming.

Parade the City

To coincide with the opening of the Community Arts Center, the CMA announces **Parade the City**. Due to the impact of COVID-19 on large public gatherings, the CMA has reimagined Parade the Circle 2021.

Parade the City keeps the spirit of the annual event alive by pairing local artists with community groups to create celebratory art installations throughout Cleveland at community locations.

Parade the City features eight installations created by the artists with the help of eight community groups including Cleveland School of the Arts, Julia De Burgos Cultural Arts Center, Esperanza, Karamu House, Extended Family, LGBT Community Center, Cleveland Public Library's South Branch and PIVOT Center for Arts, Dance and Expression.

Route maps and a list of displays that are open to the public will be available at the Community Arts Center or online at cma.org.

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About the Cleveland Museum of Art

The Cleveland Museum of Art is renowned for the quality and breadth of its collection, which includes more than 63,000 artworks and spans 6,000 years of achievement in the arts. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and performing arts and is a leader in digital innovations. One of the top comprehensive art museums in the nation, recognized for its award-winning Open Access program and free of charge to all, the Cleveland Museum of Art is located in the University Circle neighborhood.

The museum is supported in part by residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and made possible in part by the Ohio Arts Council (OAC), which receives support from the State of Ohio and the National Endowment for the Arts. The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally and economically. For more information about the museum and its holdings, programs and events, call 888-CMA-0033 or visit cma.org [4].

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